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Title: INTEGRATED CIRCUITS USING OPTICAL WAVEGUIDE INTERCONNECTS FORMED THROUGH A SEMICONDUCTOR  
WAFFER AND METHODS FOR FORMING SAME**§101 Rejection of the Claims**

Claim 1 was rejected under 35 USC § 101 as claiming the same invention as that of claim 1 of prior U.S. Patent No. 6,090,636. Claim 1 has been canceled, thus rendering this rejection moot.

**§112 Rejection of the Claims**

Claim 30 was rejected under 35 USC § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which Applicant regards as the invention. Claim 30 has been canceled, thus rendering this rejection moot.

**CONCLUSION**

Applicant respectfully submits that the claims are in condition for allowance and notification to that effect is earnestly requested. The Examiner is invited to telephone Applicant's attorney at (612) 373-6913 to facilitate prosecution of this application.

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